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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. A-2-6

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	
)	Examiner: <i>unassigned</i>
PHILIP E. EGGERS et al.)	
)	Art Unit: <i>unassigned</i>
Application No.: <i>unassigned</i>)	
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Filed: <i>herewith</i>)	PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
)	
For: SYSTEM FOR TREATING ARTICULAR)	
CARTILAGE DEFECTS (as amended))	
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant is filing this divisional application in response to the restriction requirement mailed May 3, 1999 in parent application no. 09/177,861. Claims 80-99 below were Group II from said restriction requirement. Applicant is also adding claims 100-109. Please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please delete the title and insert SYSTEM FOR TREATING
ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS.

On page 12, line 11, insert Fig. 25 is a detailed cross-sectional view of the
distal end of an electrosurgical probe illustrating an electrode arrangement suitable for
smoothing of tissue structures.